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1                                   A proposal to amend  
2           Section 4 of Article IV of the State Constitution to  
3           establish the Office of Domestic Security and Counter-  
4           Terrorism within the Department of Law Enforcement and  
5           to specify the authority and responsibilities of  
6           county sheriffs in ensuring public safety and  
7           security.

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9   Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of  
10   Florida:

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12           Section 4 of Article IV of the State Constitution is  
13   amended to read:

14                                   ARTICLE IV

15                                   EXECUTIVE

16           SECTION 4. Cabinet.—

17           (a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney  
18   general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of  
19   agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified  
20   herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties  
21   as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the  
22   governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall  
23   be deemed to prevail.

24           (b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal  
25   officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general  
26   the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor  
27   shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to  
28   prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having  
29   occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related  
30   transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has  
31   affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general

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32 law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney  
33 general from not less than three persons nominated by the  
34 judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as  
35 otherwise provided by general law.

36 (c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief  
37 fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve  
38 accounts against the state, and shall keep all state funds and  
39 securities.

40 (d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision  
41 of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise  
42 provided by law.

43 (e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and  
44 the attorney general shall constitute the state board of  
45 administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control,  
46 and authority of the state board of administration established  
47 pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885,  
48 and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of  
49 Article XII, Section 9(c).

50 (f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the  
51 attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall  
52 constitute the trustees of the internal improvement trust fund  
53 and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law.

54 (g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the  
55 attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall  
56 constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement.  
57 The Office of Domestic Security and Counter-Terrorism is created  
58 within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic  
59 Security and Counter-Terrorism shall provide support for  
60 prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement

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61 agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to  
62 attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and  
63 shall perform any other duties that are provided by law.  
64 Recognizing the importance and authority of the sheriffs and  
65 local law enforcement agencies in the prevention of terrorist  
66 acts and other crimes in the community, the county sheriff, in  
67 consultation with local stakeholders recognized in the Florida  
68 Statutes, shall have responsibility for the security of county-  
69 owned or -operated courthouses, court facilities, and court  
70 service buildings. The sheriff's authority shall include  
71 decision-making regarding the security of these courthouses,  
72 court facilities, and court service buildings, as well as local  
73 decisions regarding the administration and operations of the  
74 office of the sheriff that affect security and law enforcement.